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1. DURING COURSE OF ANSWERING QUESTION AT NATIONAL
PRESS CLUB LUNCHEON NOV. 8, PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM
CONFIRMED PUBLICLY THAT AUSTRALIAN CONTRIBUTION TO ESF IN
CAMBODIA WOULD TERMINATE AT END OF THIS YEAR. WHITLAM
NOTED THAT AUSTRALIAN MILITARY AID TO CAMBODIA HAD
CEASED IN 1972 BUT THAT AUSTRALIAN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE
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TO CAMBODIA UNDER COLOMBO PLAN WOULD BE CONTINUED.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ABOUT WHITLAM'S RECENT CONVERSATION WITH SIHANOUK IN PEKING, AND WHETHER PRIME MINISTER INDICATED SUPPORT FOR SIHANOUK'S GOVERNMENT IN EXILE, WHITLAM RESPONDED SUBSTANTIALLY AS FOLLOWS: MY CONVERSATION WITH SIHANOUK INVOLVED AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND INVOLVED NO COMMITMENTS ON EITHER SIDE. IT IS THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO RECOGNIZE THE GOVERNMENT IN POWER IN PHNOM PENH AND THAT IS THE LON NOL GOVERNMENT. AS LONG AS THAT GOVERNMENT IS IN POWER IN PHNOM PENH AND IS REPRESENTED IN THE UN, WE WILL RECOGNIZE IT. WE HAVE ABSTAINED IN THE PROCEDURAL VOTING ON THE CAMBODIAN QUESTION IN THE UN, BUT WE WOULD SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT IN POWER IF AND WHEN THIS SUBSTANTIVE MATTER CAME TO A VOTE IN THE UN. SIHANOUK CAN HARDLY EXPECT RECOGNITION OF HIS GOVERNMENT IN EXILE IN PEKING UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

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